



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Fuerst, et al.
APPLICATION No.: 09/769,066
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FOR: HEPATITIS E VIRUS ANTIGENS AND USES
THEREFOR

EXAMINER: PENG, B.
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Amendment

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Sir:

This a response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2006. The amendments to the claims begin on page 2, and the remarks are on page 4.

A Petition for Extension of Time, and a Request for Continued Examination accompany this response. Applicant requests an extension of time of two months, such that the deadline for replying to the present office action will be August 17, 2006.

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